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SUBJ: STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY POSITION ON TEXTILE  
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 6337

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PERMANENT DELEGATION  
SOURCES HERE, THOUGH THE NOVEMBER 6 EC COUNCIL DID NOT ISSUE  
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A MANDATE TO THE COMMISSION THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE

ARE NOT VERY CLEAR. THE COMMISSION CAN SPEAK DEFINITELY FOR THE COMMUNITY ONLY ON THOSE ISSUES ON WHICH MEMBER STATES ARE IN AGREEMENT. OUR SOURCES BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION CANNOT SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY ON SECTION II (PHASING OUT OF UNILATERALS) AND SECTION IV (BILATERALS) OF THE LONG DRAFT. INTERNAL CAUCUSES IN GENEVA MAY BE ABLE TO CLEAR UP SOME OF THESE POINTS, BUT MOST FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENTS MUST AWAIT FUTURE COUNCIL DECISIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. SOURCES IN THE PERMEDES INFORM US THAT THE NOV. 6 COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON TEXTILES WAS VERY CONFUSING. A WORKING GROUP HAD MET SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE PREVIOUS DAYS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT CIRCULATED INFORMALLY BY LONG. THE WORKING GROUP HAD EXPECTED TO HAVE THE COUNCIL DEBATE MAJOR POINTS STILL BEING DISPUTED AMONG THE MEMBER STATES. (BRITAIN AND GERMANY BELIEVE THAT THE OTHER SEVEN MEMBER STATES FAVOR TOO RESTRICTIVE AN AGREEMENT.) AFTER DECISION OF THESE GENERAL POINTS THE COUNCIL WAS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIVE MANDATE.

3. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL CALLED FIRST FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON THE MANDATE ITSELF, BEFORE RESOLVING THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES. THE COMMISSION INSISTED THAT IT HAD TO HAVE A MANDATE FOR THE GENEVA MEETING. THE RESULT WAS A DECISION TO ISSUE A MANDATE STATING THAT THE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE PART IN NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ON POINT ON WHICH THE MEMBER STATES AGREE BUT THE COMMISSION IS NOT TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THOSE ISSUES WHERE MEMBER STATES ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT. THE MANDATE IS ONE OF FORM WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE DIRECTIVES. ITS IMPLICATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN GENEVA BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER STATES. OUR SOURCES DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE EC CAUCUSES AT GENEVA WILL MAKE MUCH PROGRESS ON THE MAJOR POINTS BEING DISPUTED. THESE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE PUT OFF UNTIL THE DECEMBER 3 COUNCIL MEETING.

4. THE MAJOR IMMEDIATE POINTS OF DISPUTE AMONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MEMBER STATES ARE SECTION II AND IV OF THE LONG DRAFT. SECTION II CONCERNS THE SPECIFIC TIMETABLE FOR THE PHASING OUT OF UNJUSTIFIED UNILATERAL RESTRICTIONS. SECTION IV CONCERNS THE CONDITIONS FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

5. AN OFFICER ON ONE OF THE DELEGATIONS TOLD US THAT IT IS DISPUTED WHETHER THE TREATY PROCEDURES HAVE

BEEN FOLLOWED IN SEEKING THE TEXTILE MANDATE. AT NO  
TIME DID THE COMMISSION TABLE A PAPER WITH  
THE USUAL ANNEX CONTAINING THE  
TEXT OF A PROPOSED MANDATE FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.  
THIS IS A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE OF NO GREAT CONCERN TO  
US. IT IS MERELY AN INDICATION OF SOME MEMBER STATE PIQUE AT THE  
COMMISSION'S HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE.

6. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT IN CURRENT  
US/EC RELATIONS, THE MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT  
INFORMED BY TELEGRAM OF THE PROGRESS OF THE TEXTILE  
NEGOTIATIONS. GREENWALD

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